Export by heavy industries

2208. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports made by the heavy industries during the year 2004-2005; and

(b) the break-up of the value of exports of different products during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The estimated value of exports (Physical and Deemed) made by PSEs under this Department during the year 2004-05 is about Rs. 2500 crore. Major exporting PSEs are Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. and HMT (International) Ltd. About 95% of the total exports are contributed by BHEL who are mainly exporting power generation/transmission equipment and other associated items.

Employees under VRS

2209. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees who have taken VRS/VSS from Central Public Sector Undertakings so far;

(b) whether any rehabilitation schemes have been launched to provide source of sustenance to them;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the number of beneficiaries under such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As per available data as on 31.3.2004 approximately 5.33 lakh employees of various Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) have availed of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)/Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) since inception of the Scheme in the year 1988.

(b) and (c) As a step towards providing a safety net for the rationalized employees of CPSEs, a Plan Scheme for Counselling, Retraining and Redeployment (CRR) for the separated employees of CPSEs under VRS/VSS is being implemented. The scheme aims at rehabilitation of the rationalized employees through short duration training programmes. The strategy is to equip them with skills, which would enable them to be deployed mainly in self-employment activities.

(d) In all, 60267 VRS/VSS optees have benefited under the CRR scheme during the period 2001-02 to 2004-05.

Revival of Hindustan Photo Films

2210. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting was convened at New Delhi on 30th August 2005 and 18th October, 2005 to discuss about the future of the ailing Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Limited, Ooty;

(b) if so, the details of persons who were invited for the said meeting to participate;

(c) the reasons for not inviting MPs of Tamil Nadu who are very much concerned about this industry for such a meeting; and

(d) what were the details of the deliberations of the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) No meeting was held on 30th August, 2005. However, it was decided to consult those MPs/Union Ministers/State Ministers from whom the Department had received references in the current year, expressing their concerned about HPF. Accordingly, the following Ministers/MPs were invited to attend a meeting on 18.10.2005:

(i) Ms. Jayalalitha, Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu

(ii) Shri M. Karunanidhi, President, DMK

(iii) Shri T.R. Baalu, Minister for Transport Highways & Shipping